1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Meghalaya	300	111	300	80	150	141
Nagaland	200	166	200	129	100	NA
Orissa	9300	8757	9300	8620	4650	4585
Punjab	15000	11677	15000	15037	7500	7583
Rajasthan	10300	10986	10300	10736	5150	5579
Tamil Nadu	18100	18722	18100	18362	9050	9278
Tripura	900	912	900	909	450	N.A
Uttar Pradesh	31300	26264	31300	23197	15650	13842
West Bengl	24300	21885	24300	20468	12150	1140
A. & Nicobar Islands	*100*	*101*	*100*	*80*	*50*	*30*
Arunachal Pradesh	100	61	100	22	50	24
Chandigarh	500	394	500	416	175	179
Goa	350	84	350	220	175	132
Mizoram	200	104	250	233	125	32
Pondicherry	450	465	450	480	225	240
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	100	40	100	19	50	6
Sikkim	100	49	100	33	50	N.A.
Unallotted Target	7000					
TOTAL :	250000	220724	290050	216956	125000	100522

*N.A. — Not available.

Committee on crisis faced by Textile Industry

2369. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government's attention has been drawn to the recommendation of a Committee (tripartite) appointed by the Gujarat Government to examine the present crisis in textile industry;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Committee;

(c) whether the said Committee, in order to make an assault on smuggling of man-made fibre, yarn and fabric has also recommended for the destruction of smuggled goods and also recommended that no shop be permitted to sell them; and

(d) whether the Central Government have taken any steps on this recommendation and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tripartite Committee has identified the following three thrust areas for immediate action.

(i) Payment of legal dues and other reliefs to workers who have lost their jobs;

(ii) Reducing the risk of further closures of mills and reopening of units which can be made viable;

(iii) Creating alternative sources of employment.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Even before this report, the Government have taken a number of measures to curb the smuggling of foreign goods. For instance, the anti-smuggling drive throughout the country has been intensified and anti-smuggling machinery particularly at the vulnerable points of the land border, the coastline and international airports and sea ports has been geared up to combat smuggling of goods including synthetic yarn and fabrics, etc.

Reduction of excise duty on PFY and PSF

2370. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat State Committee on textile crisis has recommended for the reduction of excise duties imposed on PFY and PSF so as to make effective assault on smuggling;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as an alternative to reduction of excise duties, the Committee has recommended subsidising the sale of man-made fabrics; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) A Committee appointed by the Government of Gujarat on Textile Industry has recommended that the excise duty on Polyester Staple Fibre and Polyester Filament Yarn may be further reduced by 50 per cent. The Committee has also recommended that "the feasibility of giving subsidy on the sale of cloth should also be examined as an alternative to reduction in excise duty".

(c) The recomendations have not been found acceptable.

Closure of textile mills

2371. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of closed textile mills at present, state-wise;

(b) what are the dates of closure of each mill and the number of workers affected thereby;

(c) what is the number of man days lost and also loss in production in each mill so far;

(d) how many mills were taken over by Government during the last three years, indicating the names of these mills and also the States in which they are located;

(e) whether Government propose to form a Textile Finance Corporation if it is unable to take over all the closed mills; and

(f) if the answer to part (e) above be in the negative, what other steps Government propose to take to save the textile industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) A statement is attached. (*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 104.]

(c) Government do not maintain the figures for man days lost and loss of production due to the closure of individual textile mills.

(d) No textile mill has been taken over by the Union Government in the last three years.

(e) and (m) There is no such proposal under consideration at present. Government have constituted a Nodal Agency